

# KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

## How a bill becomes a law—



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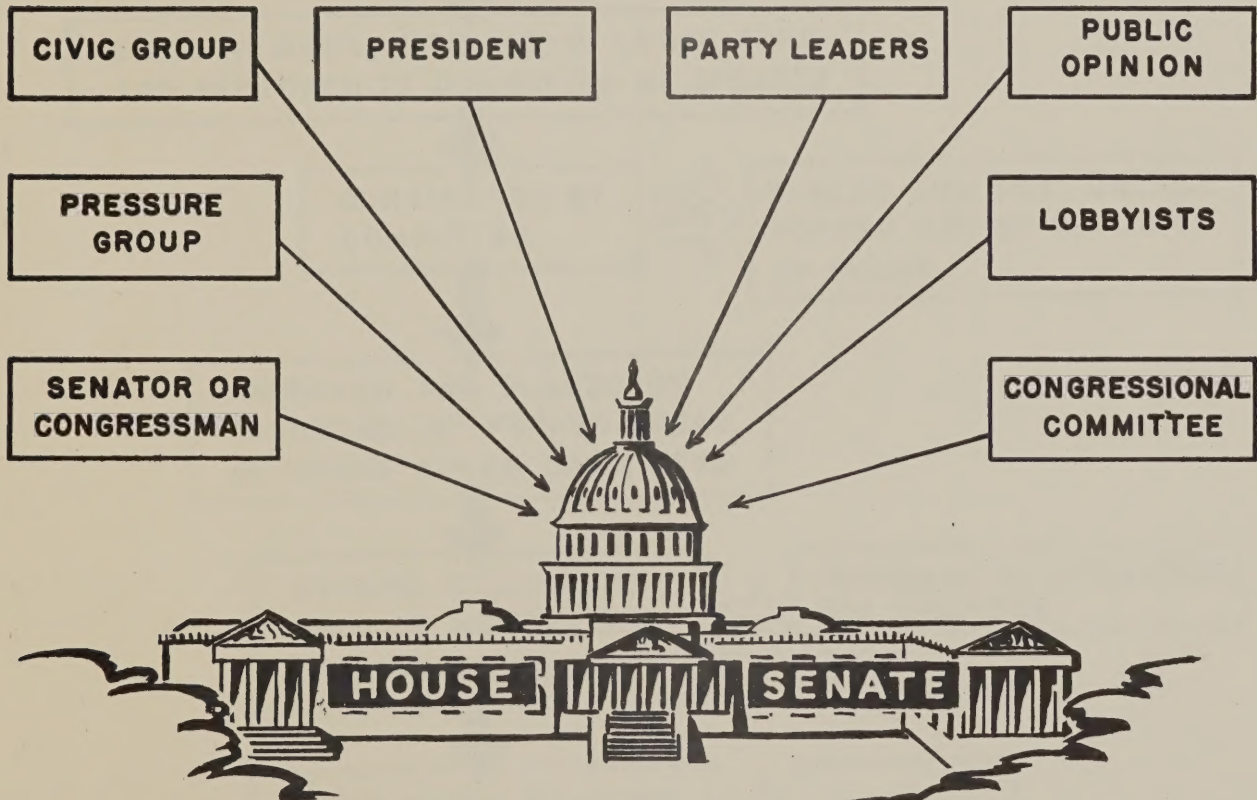
# A Bill's Beginnings

## ORIGIN

Bills are introduced in Congress by Senators and Congressmen. A bill may be written by the legislators themselves, or it may come as a recommendation from the President. Often bills are framed by congressional committees, or they may come as a proposal growing out of the needs of a group of citizens, or proposed by lobbyists or special groups. When a bill is written in correct legal form, it may be introduced in the House or the Senate, except that all revenue bills must originate in the House.



*Here is the path "Bill" takes in going through Congress:*

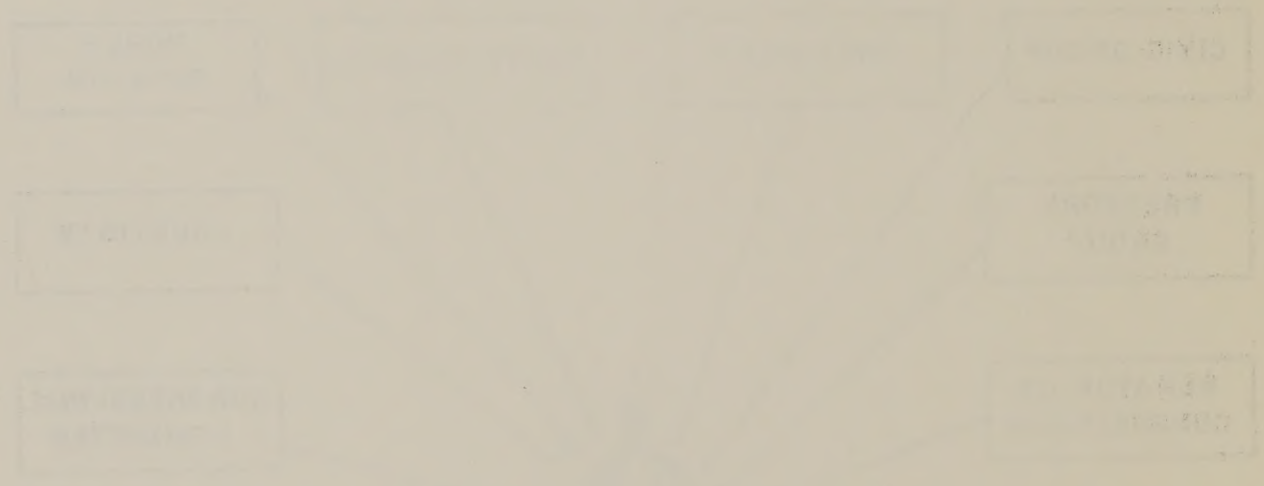


Public opinion, in a democracy, is so powerful that members of Congress are influenced to pass or kill a bill according to the wishes of the people. The discussion at social gatherings, 4-H Club meetings, or even at the post office is all part of this public opinion which influences the passing of laws.

# A Bill's Background

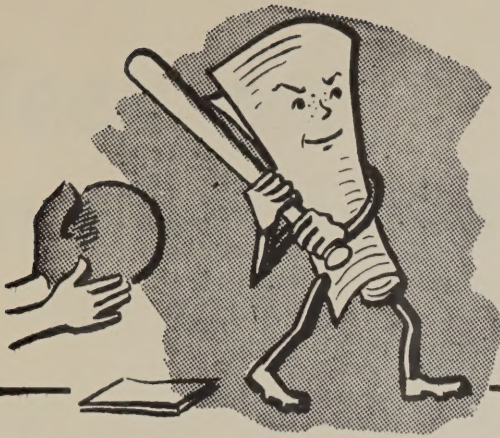
This bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 15, 1964. It was passed by the House on March 10, 1964, and by the Senate on March 12, 1964. The bill was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on March 15, 1964. The bill was designed to provide for the establishment of a new department of the Interior, to be known as the Department of the Interior, and to provide for the establishment of a new bureau of the Interior, to be known as the Bureau of the Interior. The bill was also designed to provide for the establishment of a new office of the Interior, to be known as the Office of the Interior, and to provide for the establishment of a new position of the Interior, to be known as the Position of the Interior.

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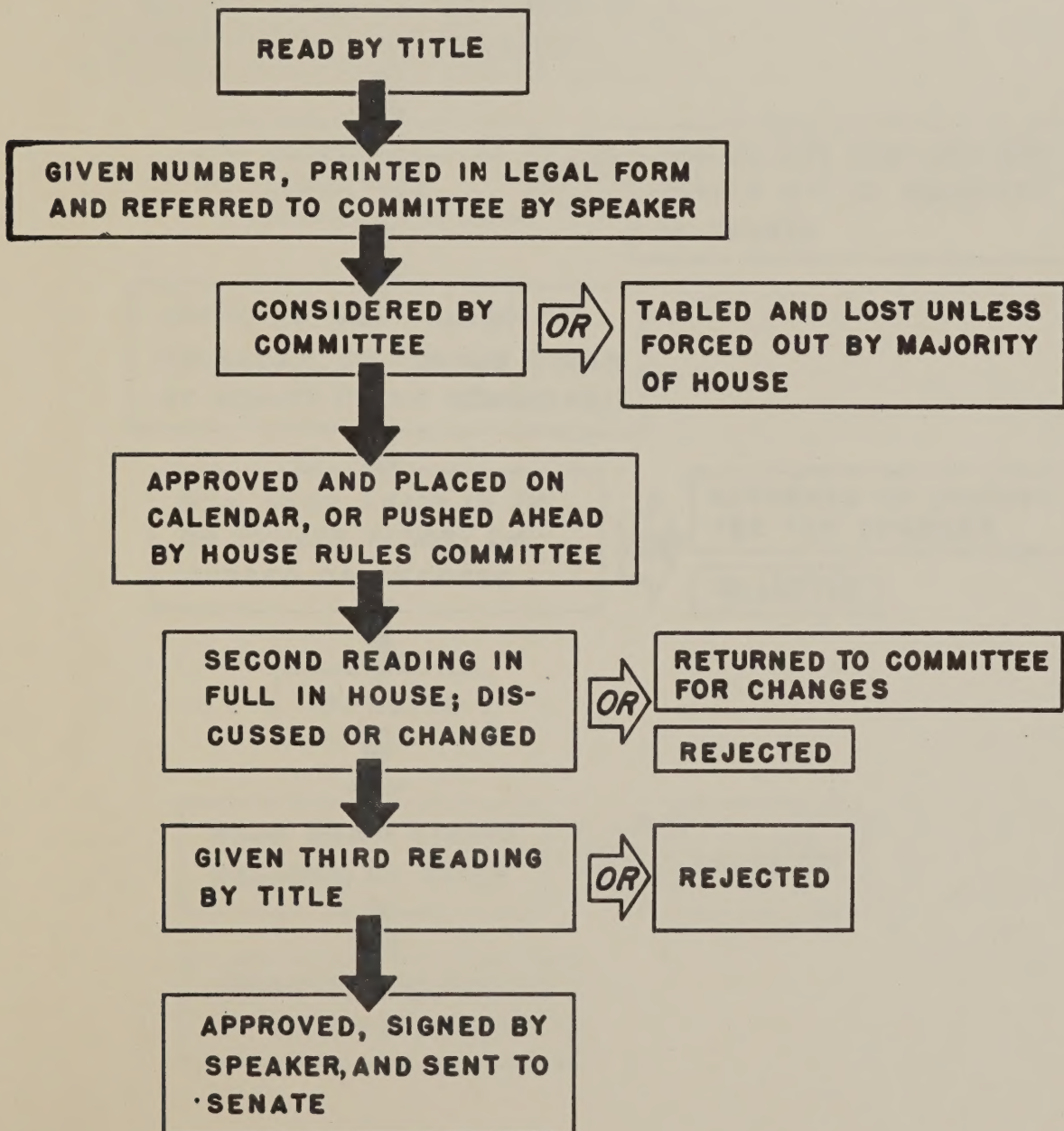
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# Bill's Early Life - in the House

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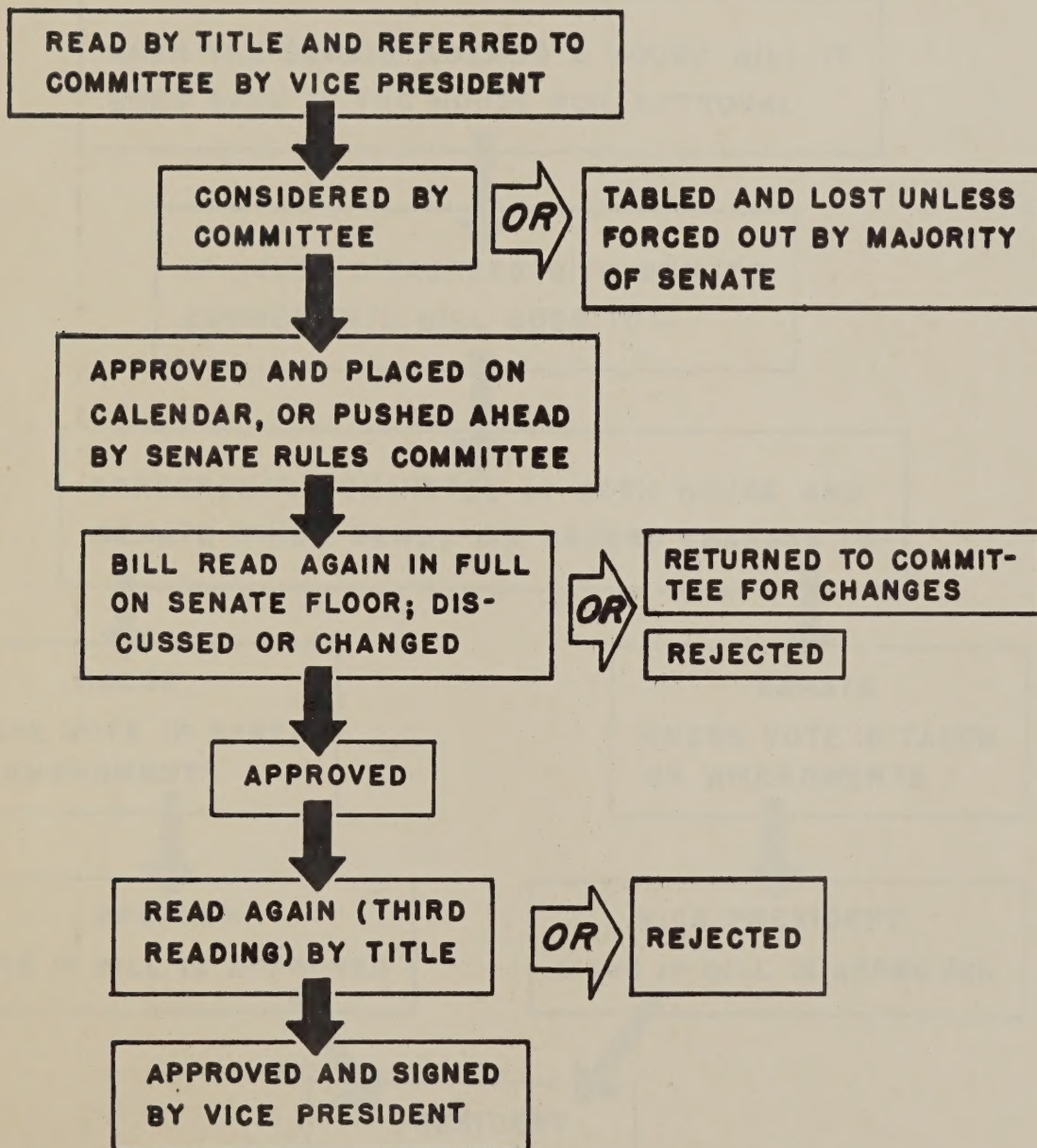




# Teen age - in the Senate



*Bill may go many places -*



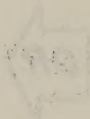


# Technique in the Senate

All may go wrong here

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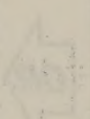
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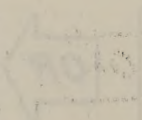


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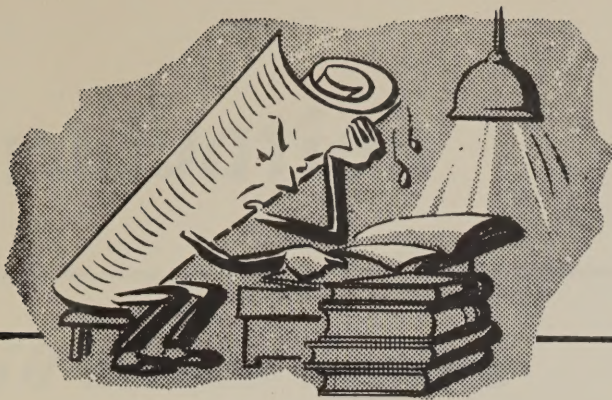
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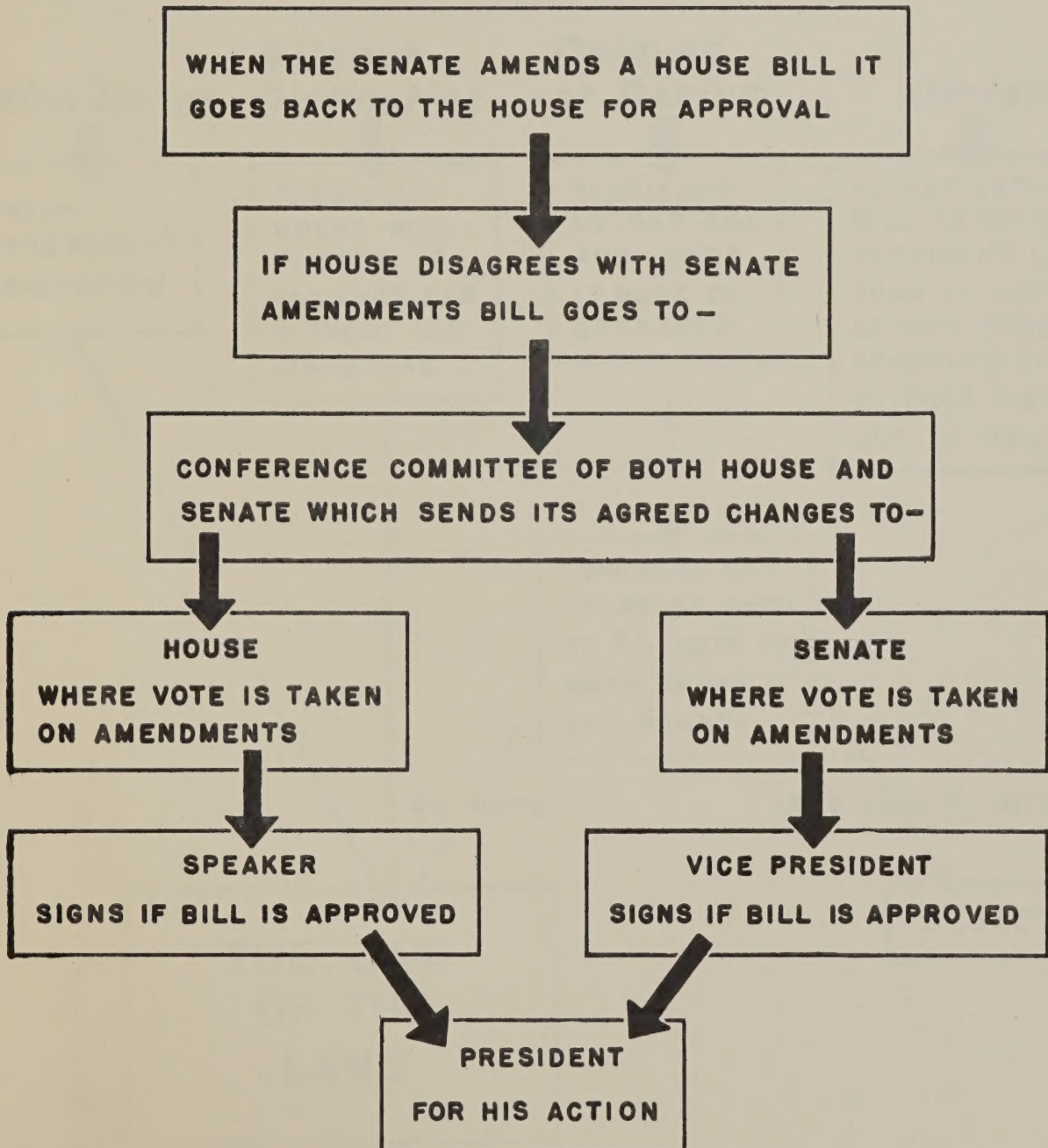
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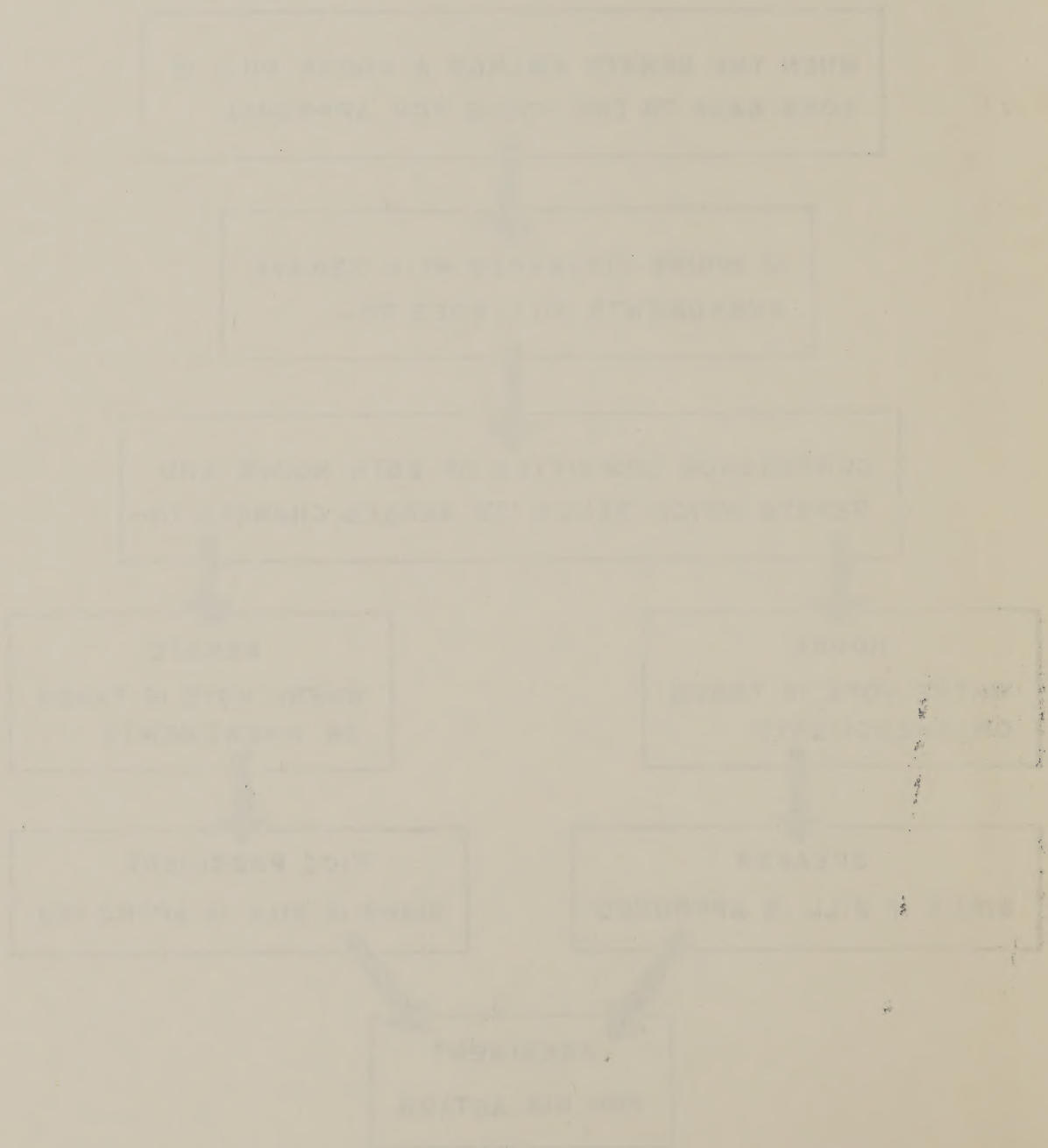
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*Will Bill pass?*



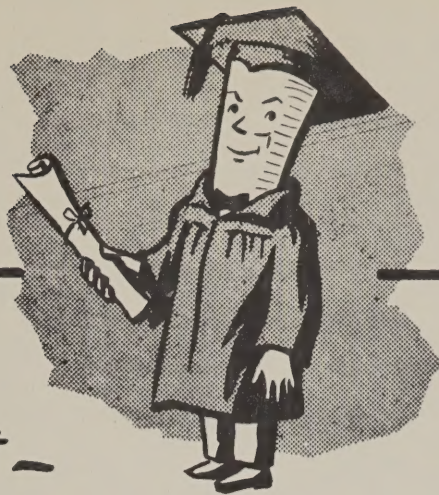
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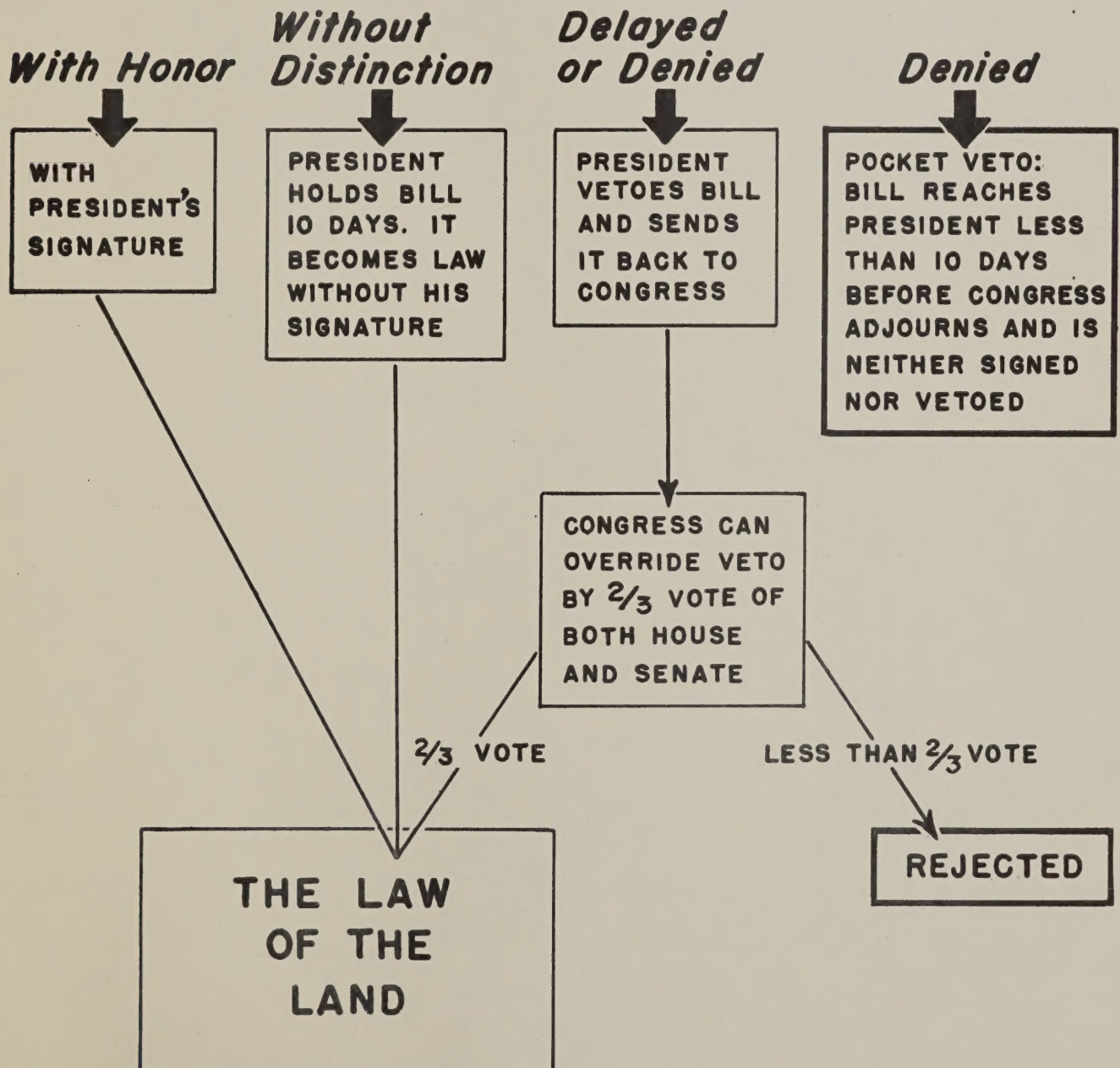




# Graduation



*Bill comes before  
the President -*



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THE PRESIDENT

